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Community Enhancement Grant Program Update Staff Report

PROGRAM UPDATE

As of May 15, 2025, there are 11 active projects, two approved projects, four closed projects, and one working proposal.

For updates on a specific project, please visit: <u>Delta Conservancy Project Table Updates page</u>. For an interactive map of program projects, please visit: <u>Delta Conservancy Project Maps page</u>.

PROJECT MILESTONES

P6811: Asian American Heritage Park (Implementation)

The purpose of the Project is to construct a .07-acre park showcasing the Asian American heritage of the town of Isleton. The park features include landscaping, walkways, an artistic ceramic water feature, seat walls, walkway tiles, benches, engraved bricks and plaques recognizing contributors to the park, and a Japanese bell temple (Kansho-do). The Grantee was awarded \$554,772 in Proposition 68 funds in 2022, and they received an amended budget increase of \$265,799 in 2023. The Project is near completion, with the grand opening slated for May 31, 2025; additionally, a site visit will be held after the May Board meeting.



Figure 7.1. Asian American Heritage Park in Isleton, CA.

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CAR01: Pacific Flyway Trail: Walk in the Marsh (Implementation)

The purpose of the Project is to build three miles of Americans with Disability Act-compliant hiking trails and educational signage through restored wetlands in Suisun Marsh, along with a parking area, access road upgrades, a shade structure, decorative asphalt art, and a bike rack. This Project was awarded \$1,486,050 of Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR) funds in 2021. They received an amended budget increase of \$450,000 in 2023. The Grantee selected a construction subcontractor, and construction has started.



Figure 7.2. Pacific Flyway Center in Solano County, CA.

Clean Vessel Act Program

In November 2024, the Delta Conservancy entered into a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to administer the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Grant Program for 2025. Work started on January 1, 2025. Between April 8 and April 24, 2025, Conservancy staff visited 66 marinas, surveying a total of 81 pumpout stations and five dump stations. Additionally, the Conservancy launched the CVA program webpage, and Conservancy staff attended the Sacramento Boat Show in March.

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Figure 7.3. Martha Ozonoff, Community Projects Supervisor, performing sewage pumpout monitoring.

BACKGROUND

The Community Enhancement Grant Program (CEP) refers to a collection of projects that support and enhance communities and economies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. Projects in this program are currently funded through Proposition 68 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 and the Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR) funds. The Proposition 68 Grant Program is designed to promote a robust Delta economy, support the vitality of Delta communities, and allow staff to provide guidance to project proponents as they develop proposals to meet these goals. The CAR is a General Fund allocation and is designed to promote multi-benefit projects within the areas of climate resilience, community access, and natural resource restoration.

The Grant Program requires both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous review and evaluation process by staff and external professional reviewers (when applicable), and are recommended for funding based upon review, evaluation, and funding availability.

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The table below highlights the allocations for Proposition 68 (bond funds) and CAR (general funds). Each funding source has funds allocated for both administration and grants. The amount remaining to be allocated are funds available for new grants.

Community Enhancement Grant Program Funding Sources. ERCA refers to the Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program (Agenda Item 6.1). Amounts listed in millions of dollars.

| Funding Source | Total Allocation | Minimum Amount Available for Grants | Total Amount Allocated for Grants | Amount Remaining to be Allocated | Allocation Date | Encumbrance Date | Program(s) Supported by Funding Source |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|--|---|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Proposition 68 | \$12.0 | \$8.7 | \$6.6 | \$2.1 | 6/8/2018 | Variable | CEP |
| CAR | \$5.25 | \$4.99 | \$4.99 | \$0 | 9/23/2021 | 6/30/2024 | ERCA and CEP |
| CAR | \$6.125 | \$5.82 | \$5.8 | \$0.02 | 9/6/2022 | 6/30/2025 | ERCA and CEP |

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